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Classified By: Ambassador Ivo Daalder

¶11. (U) This cable was drafted by Ambassador Ivo Daalder, reporting from Abu Dhabi.

¶12. (C) NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen dropped a bombshell in a NATO-UAE Conference attended by the NAC and senior UAE officials this morning. At the end of his public address to the conference, the SYG announced a five-point plan for Middle East peace (in para 5), leaving Perm Reps and Conference participants stunned. NATO has no official position on, nor a role in, the Middle East peace process and it is unprecedented for the Secretary General to wade into the issue) let alone in this detail. None of the NATO Ambassadors or Missions had any advance warning of the statement. Many reacted with incredulity to his statement. The Danish Perm Rep, dean of the ambassadors, said "this time, he has gone too far."

¶13. (C) While NATO in the Istanbul Cooperation Initiative founding document did call for the full and speedy implementation of the Quartet Roadmap -- which includes many of the elements in the Secretary Generals statement -- NATO has also tried to make very clear that it has no direct role in the Middle East Peace Process. Given the public nature of the event, Arab governments and others are likely to take the statement as an endorsement by NATO and its members, including the United States Government, of the five point plan. In order to counter this impression, it is imperative that the Secretary General publicly clarify his statement) indicating clearly that these were his own ideas and that neither NATO nor any of its members had a role in or endorsed any of the statements. The SYG is scheduled to deliver a press conference at 17:00 local (13:00 GMT), which would be the right time for him to deliver such a statement.

¶14. (C) Unless otherwise directed, Ambassador Daalder will inform the Secretary General that he needs to use the occasion of his press conference to clarify his remarks, stating clearly that his statement on this issue was neither crafted by nor endorsed by NATO or any of its member governments and that NATO has no formal role in resolving the issue.

¶15. (U) Extract from the as-delivered text of the SYGs remarks provided by his Private Office to USNATO:
"NATO countries, and I personally when I was still Prime Minister of Denmark, have repeatedly stressed our attachment to a two-state solution, in which Israel and Palestine live side by side in peace and security.
To reach this objective, the parties involved must fulfill certain requirements:
Firstly, the Palestinians must declare an unequivocal end to violence and undertake visible efforts to end armed activity and all acts of violence against Israelis anywhere.
Secondly, Israel must take all necessary steps to help normalize Palestinian life and stop all settlement activity, while the Palestinians undertake to reform their civil institutions and security services.
Thirdly, Israel must withdraw from the Palestinian areas occupied after the "Al Aqsa intifada" in 2000 and be ready to do what is necessary for an independent, viable, sovereign and democratic Palestinian state to be established.
Fourthly, the Palestinian leadership must issue an unequivocal statement reiterating Israels right to exist in peace and security.
And finally, the two parties must conclude an agreement that ends the occupation that started in 1967, which includes a just, fair and realistic solution to the refugee issue and a negotiated resolution on the status of Jerusalem that takes into account the political and religious concerns of both sides, and protects the religious interests of Jews, Muslims, and Christians worldwide.
If these conditions are met, we can hopefully accomplish the desire for a lasting peace in this region based on two states, Israel and Palestine, living side-by-side in peace and security.

And this could hopefully pave the way for a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace with security for all the states of the region."

End of SYG text.

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